

Once we receive your Volunteer Interest form, a Friends' volunteer will contact you to learn more about your specific interests and discuss how you can get started volunteering at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

You will be invited to attend one of our scheduled Volunteer Orientation Programs to learn more about the different volunteer activities and to discuss specific opportunities with staff and volunteers.



Mail this form to:

Friends of Great Swamp NWR, 241 Pleasant Plains Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

or

Drop off the completed form at the Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center, 32 Pleasant Plains Road, Harding Township.

The Visitor Center is open daily from 10 to 4.

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1960 and consists of 7,768 acres of land set aside for wildlife in Morris County. The Refuge also provides excellent recreational opportunities. The Refuge is managed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as one of more than 550 refuges nationwide in the National Wildlife Refuge System.



Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
www.greatswamp/fws.gov
973-425-1222

Friends of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1999 as a non-profit New Jersey corporation. Friends is an all-volunteer, membership organization providing funding for Refuge initiatives as well as volunteers for Refuge projects. The Friends have a formal Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Friends operate a nature shop in the Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center. Proceeds are used to fund Refuge projects.



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Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Make a Difference

Volunteer



Photo: Richard Harris

Join Our Team

Welcome Volunteer!

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. There are many different kinds of volunteer opportunities with a flexible time commitment based on your availability. The volunteer commitment may be weekly, monthly or year round, although many activities are seasonal. Training is provided.

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge has a robust volunteer program. In 2014, 180 active volunteers donated nearly 14,000 hours.



Volunteer Benefits

- Continuous learning opportunities.
- Making new friends.
- Working alongside Refuge staff.
- Volunteer awards.
- The opportunity to make a difference!

*Volunteers play a vital role
and every volunteer hour counts.*

Check All That Interest You

Seasonal (March–October)

- Invasive species control:** Join a crew for manual and chemical control of invasive plant species.
- Gardening:** Plan, plant, weed, and maintain native plant bird and butterfly gardens at Visitor Center.
- Wildlife Observation Center Staffing:** Greet visitors and introduce them to the Refuge and the boardwalk area.
- Group Tours:** Assist with tours for school groups.
- Outreach:** Staff a display at partner events and present programs to groups.

Year-round

- Visitor Center Host:** Greet visitors and provide Refuge orientation. Use the cash register to make sales in Friends Nature Shop. At least one three hour shift per month required.
- Trail maintenance:** Help maintain Refuge trails and boardwalks, including Wilderness Area trails.
- Bird Walks:** Conduct birding walks or other types of nature walks.
- Publicity and Social Media Posting:** Write press releases, update online calendars, post to Facebook page.
- Volunteer Coordination:** Help with volunteer program.
- Writer/Editor:** Write for the Swamp Scene newsletter, electronic bulletins, and the website.
- Digital Photo Library:** Help establish, organize, and maintain our digital photo collection.

Your Contact Information

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State, Zip _____

Preferred phone # _____

E-mail _____

Let us know about your special skills, experience, expertise, and interests.

Are you available

Weekdays (M /T / W / Th / F) (a.m. / p.m.)

Weekends (Sat / Sun) (a.m. / p.m.)

Note: Volunteers 16 years old and younger must be accompanied by a parent while volunteering.

Volunteer eNews Bulletins

We like to keep volunteers informed of important news, schedules, and volunteer opportunities by email. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list for periodic eNews bulletins, please check here. It's easy to unsubscribe at any time.

- Yes! Please add my name to the eNews distribution list.